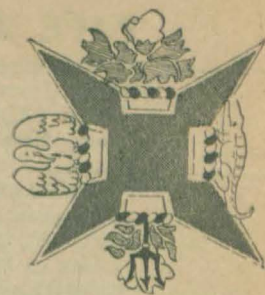




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Dramatic Group Begins Work At Service Club

Mrs. Betty Ball Brown, charming hostess of the Dixie Division recreation hall, this week sends out a call to actors, directors, stage managers, and others who are interested in organizing a division dramatic club or little theatre group. The organization meeting will be held in the auditorium of the service club (as the division recreation hall is officially called) Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Service Club Decorations

The auditorium of the hostess house (another official name for the division recreation hall) will soon be decorated with the insignias of all units of the 31st Division. Centered on the balcony railing above the fire place will be the division "DD" insignia, appropriately the largest. Evenly spaced below it on the overhanging sidewalls of the balcony floor will be the insignias of the three brigades, one between each supporting pillar. Regimental insignias of the eleven units of the division will be placed on the projecting balcony sidewalls on either side of the auditorium, spaced one between each pillar.

Will Sand Dance Floor

Enlisted men in the 106th Engineers have volunteered to sand the floors of the hostess house auditorium to make it smooth and practical for dancing. The sanding job at best will be a tedious one and the only thing holding up this project is the donation of a sanding machine with which to do the work. Get the hint somebody?

Wasted Effort

The 18 men in Co. H, 156th Inf., who didn't go to Jacksonville last Monday but stayed to clean up the company messhall think they should have made the trip. When the inspecting officer came around Tuesday morning, he marked off more points against the company than it's had in a long time . . . altogether a total of 6.

Sister Regiments Share Vehicles

The rolling stock of the 167th (Alabama) Infantry on the Sanford motor maneuver Friday and Saturday of last week was augmented by 50 half-ton trucks, and 13 ton-and-a-half trucks borrowed from the 124th (Florida) Infantry. Both regiments are members of the 62nd Brigade under command of Brigadier General Joseph Hutchinson. Approximately 220 vehicles were used in the overnight maneuver.

Blanding Flag Raised



Top picture—General Persons and his staff salute Old Glory at the Flag Raising ceremony last Sunday. In the background are Dixie Division soldiers, nearly twenty thousand of them. Lower picture shows the Flag being raised by Gen. Albert H. Blanding while nearly 35,000 people stand at attention. Photo Sgt. Moore

Selectees Swim, Fish On Overnight Hike

The training regiment of 155th Selectees, commanded by Major Allan McCluer, went on their first march and overnight encampment, Monday, as leaving the company streets at 5 in the afternoon they hiked seven miles to Lake Whittemore with full pack and pup tents and had dinner on the ground. The rugged swam by moonlight, the placid fished, and all joined in songs and fireside conversation.

Louisiana Officer Dies In Wreck

Funeral services for the first Louisiana officer to die at Camp Blanding were held on the company street of Headquarters Co., 156th Inf., last Tuesday morning for Second Lieut. Louis Paul Cormier, 24, who died Monday afternoon from injuries sustained in a week-end automobile accident.

Officers and men of the unit assembled in the company street immediately after Revielle to stand at attention while Chaplain William J. Keown read the prayer for the deceased and taps were blown.

Former Fighter Joins Dixie Ranks

Here's another name to add to your growing list of famous sports personalities in training at Camp Blanding; that of Pvt. "Jumbo" Rovira, selectee assigned to Co. D, 156th Inf. Rovira, who once fought for the lightweight championship of the world, has in recent years been a professional trainer and bodyguard for Louisiana political figures.

He is doing guard duty at the Stockade at present.

Medicos Show Training Progress

In line with Army Day celebrations throughout the nation, the 106th Medical regiment showed Dixie Infantrymen and medical officers of the 31st and 43rd Divisions how the medicos operate under actual combat conditions in a series of demonstrations Monday on the Parade Ground.

Dixie Boxers Meet Outside Opponents

Sgt. R. "Chink" Broussard and Pfc. Ellis LeGrange, Co. G, 156th Inf., fought in the Starke Athletic Arena Friday night. Both fights ended in draws.

DIXIE BOXERS MEET NAVY IN CHARITY MATCHES

Use Pay Phones For Private Calls

You are advised herewith and hereby, soldier, to take it easy on official telephones. A recent order issued from the office of General Persons states that there has been too many personal calls, long distances and what-not, made that interfered with official calls, on the official phones. Attention is directed to the fact that public pay phones have been placed in each post exchange for these purposes and men are asked to use them instead of official phones.

Free Party For Dixie Officers

The Hotel Roosevelt management announces the opening of the main ball room of the hotel to officers of the Camp and their ladies Saturday evening from 7:00 P. M. to 2:00 A. M. Don Bestor and his orchestra of Jack Benny — Jello-fame, have been engaged especially for this officers' party and will provide music throughout the evening. There will be no admission or cover charge. Food and refreshments will be available to those who may desire to purchase them. Reservations by officers may be made in advance.

Smart Selectee Costs Cap'n. Cash

Borrowing the radio quizsters' thunder, one training officer of the 106th Medical Regiment's provisional battalion proved two things this week: Recruits do listen to technical lectures; and playing Professor Quiz costs hard cash.

Following a lecture on anatomy, Capt. Joseph M. Bosworth, 116th FA medical officer, offered fifty cents to the Selectee who could trace a drop of blood from the fingertip to the heart and back again. Blithely raising his hand, Pvt. Harry T. Bates traced the flow of blood quickly, accurately, and collected the amazed M. C.'s four-bits. Bates is a member of Med. Det. 156th Inf.

Non-Coms Take Turn At Duty

Paging Bob Ripley! Several Sergeants of Co. C, 156th Inf., did K. P. duty and three corporals walked a post on the first Wednesday half-holiday, due to the scarcity of men in the company.

To be the greatest sports spectacle in Jacksonville since the Corbett-Mitchell bout in 1894" in the words of Commander Gene Tunney of the Navy, a card of fighters from the Army and Navy to be matched in Jacksonville Stadium will thrill the largest audience gotten together for a spectacle of this kind in a long time. A definite date for the event has not been announced. A committee of fifteen leaders in sports movements from the Army, Navy and civilian life met in Jacksonville recently to draw up plans for the meet. At this meeting the Army was represented by Major Robert J. Hutchins of the Fourth Corps Area headquarters, Maj. W. J. Hanna, Lt. Grady Flynn and Capt. Ben A. Hudson, athletic director of the 31st Division. At this meet from the Navy were J. J. Clark, Gene Tunney, Commander Eddie Mahan, athletic director of the Naval Air Station and Lt.-commander Fred J. Gage. Others present were Ed Donnelly, Washington, D. C., representative of the President's budget committee; Jack Jones, Fla. State Supervisor of the WPA recreational area study; and Nathan L. Mallison, Jacksonville man.

Lt.-commander Gene Tunney, recently placed in charge of the Navy's athletic activities states that many distinguished guests will be present, including Secretary Knox, Judge Patterson, Governors of southern States and other high officials of Washington, D. C. The well known promoter, Mike Jacobs will take charge of that end, and Arthur Donovan is expected to referee the bouts.

Captain Ben Hudson, 31st Division athletic director will be in charge of the Army's fighters, to be taken from both the 31st and 43rd Divisions. These fighters will train under Petey Sarron, former world champion featherweight fighter, and Pete Leto, well known trainer.

On the card will be four four round bouts, three six round bouts and two ten round bouts. Commander Tunney will be master of ceremonies. Soldiers will be charged fifty cents and civilians one dollar. It is hoped that transportation will be available for soldiers into Jacksonville for the event. Bands from the Army and Navy will be on hand to play.

The proceeds from these fights will go 50 percent to the National fund for Defense against Infantile Paralysis and the other 50 percent to the Duval County Hope Haven Hospital for infantile paralysis victims.

In the beginning, the plan was to make the bouts only between the 31st Division and the Naval

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SEND IT HOME

That oft repeated exhortation, "Send the Dixie home," is about to be repeated again. But this time definite reason is brought forth. Each day several letters arrive in the Editorial room from parents wanting to know how they can get "that little camp paper you publish." This is not a casual interest, they really want to know what is going on in this new city in which we live. The DIXIE is published for the men of the Dixie Division, attempting to give as much general news as possible in so small a space. It is a difficult task, but we believe that people on the outside would get a fair picture of the way in which we live if they read each issue. Things which seem commonplace in our lives are often beyond the understanding of the civilian. So we say again: "enclose a copy of the DIXIE when you write that letter home."

THEATRE MEMO

The following is a list of Feature Attractions showing at the 31st Division Theatre during the coming week. Two performances are available each evening, beginning at 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M. Matinees are shown on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, April 12, DOUBLE FEATURE—"Laddie" featuring Tim Holt and Joan Carroll—"South of Karanga" starring Charles Bickford. Also Fantasy Cartoons.

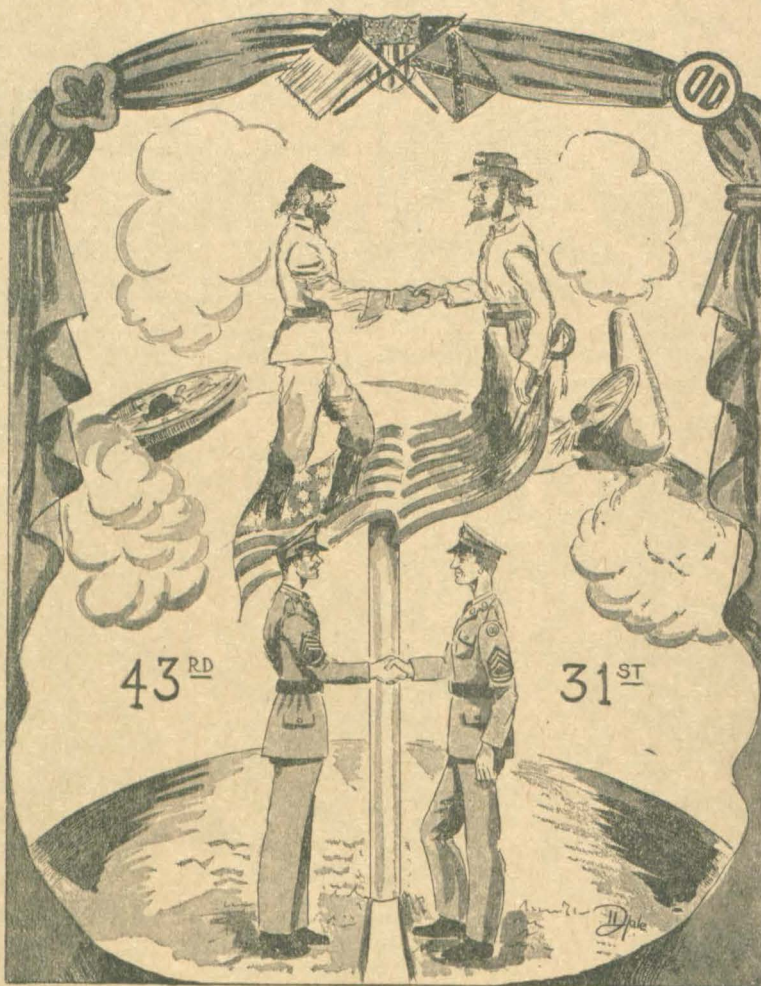
SUNDAY & MONDAY, April 13 & 14—"Knute Rockne, All American" starring Pat O'Brien, Gale Page, Ronald Regan, and Donald Crisp. Also Popular Science and Paramount News.

TUESDAY, April 15—"Men Against The Sky" starring Richard Dix, Kent Taylor, Edmund Lowe, and Wendy Barrie. Also Loneytune, RKO Pathe News, and The March of Time.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, April 16 & 17—"Seven Sinners" starring Marlene Dietrich, John Wayne, Frederick Crawford, and Mischa Auer. Also Hobby Lobby and Paramount News.

FRIDAY, April 18—"Dreaming Out Loud" featuring Lum and Abner, Frances Langford. Also Eskimo Trails, Gabby Cartoon, and Sportscope.

SATURDAY, April 19—DOUBLE FEATURE—"Remedy for Riches" featuring Jean Hersholt as "Dr. Christian" and Dorothy Lovett; "MARGIE" featuring Tom Brown, Nan Grey, Mischa Auer, and Edgar Kennedy. Also Animated Antics.



The American Way

Patriotic Soldier Does His Duty

Company E, 155th Infantry, is laying claim to the most military courteous soldier in the Division or, for that matter, most anywhere. The Chesterfield of the rank, it seems, is Corporal Virgil W. Thomas who returned from a recent leave some six hours later than they thought he should have been. The commanding officer, to say the least, curious, called him in for an explanation.

Explained the Corporal: "Well sir, it came about in this manner. I was in Jackson (Mississippi) ready to catch the train to camp when a band came by, stopped, and just before I boarded began playing the National Anthem. I, of course, came to attention and stood there. "Meanwhile, he added, with lowered eyes, "the train pulled out."

Shouted the Captain: "Get this Spartan out of here!"

Compass Wanted For 2 Bn. 156 Inf.

And now the Dixie Division can boast of its own Lost Battalion! On the way back from Monday's parade in Jacksonville, the 2nd Battalion, 156th Inf., became separated from the convoy and ended up near Lake City two hours after the others in the parade had returned to camp. There was nothing left to do but turn around, trace the way back, and then listen to the jeers of the soldiers who had returned with the rest of the convoy.

155 Inf. Band Serenades Generals

The 155th Infantry band, directed by Warrant Officer George H. Mackie, played a concert last Tuesday night at the cottage of Brig. General Louis F. Guerre, commander of the 61st Infantry Brigade, honoring Major General Persons. Light classical and concert music was played during the course of the dinner.

IF THE SHOE FITS

All company and battery clerks attention: The "Dixie" staff was much interested in an article appearing in the April 4th issue of the 116th (Florida) Field Artillery's "Bulletin Board," that regiment's triple-weekly mimeographed news sheet. As the saying goes, "them's our sentiments." If the shoe fits any clerk, will he please wear it, because there's a "Dixie" for every man in the Division.

"It has been noticed that the 'Dixie' has been delivered to each organization promptly every Saturday morning. From official information, the persons responsible for distribution within the batteries are the battery clerks. Now, clerks, let's see that each man in our battery gets one of these papers." (By "Bulletin Board" editor Bob Fowler.)

More Maneuvers In Blanding Area

A night "shuttle movement" between Camp Blanding and Penney Farms complete with blacked-out trucks, airplane guards, and other precautions was carried out Tuesday night by an infantry combat team composed of the 156th Infantry regiment, the 2nd Battalion, 116th F. A. and Co. C, 106th Engineers. Divided into three sections, the unit carried out the maneuver in what, according to Col. James Kuttner, commander of the 156th was record time, even though a bridge had to be built along the way.

When the convoy had almost reached its detrucking point, a bridge was discovered that the commander decided would be unsafe to cross. The Engineering company immediately built a new bridge.

Troops participating began leaving the camp area at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday and the last unit to return came in at 3:30 a. m. Wednesday.



A little byplay in the field of romance has been noticed in the correspondence going through the Dixie Office. A certain Sgt. of the 167th Infantry, Bill Self by name, was the author of a poem requesting that the Governor of Alabama pass a law requiring all the lassies to remain faithful to the boys in khaki.

Soon came an answer in the form of a poem from an unknown young lady who demanded a fair deal in this respect. The Dixie then took up the hue and cry by printing excerpts from both pieces. Hardly had the excitement slowed a bit, when a young Miss from Louisiana sends a letter and a poem to the Editor. The contents claimed that sometimes (how could she suggest such a thing) perhaps the boys at Blanding might be doing a bit of playing while those faithful misses waited docilely at home.

She signed the epistle "Anna Louise," which possibly (in fact probably) is a fictitious name. She claims to head a club of young ladies who spend their time moping about the city of Lake Charles, La., never having a bit of fun because the boys have gone marching away. This organization, devoted to filling the time with unhappiness, despairing wails, laments and cursing fate, bears the impressive title of "The Suffer-ages."

No sooner had Corporal E. Martin Meadows, demon Dixie news divulger, noticed her pitiful plea, but he must take a drastic step to allay her fears. Sitting at his faithful typewriter he made a few hesitant strokes, then swung into a letter. His sympathy welled over as he poured on the slush, assuring the girls that no boy in his right mind would be unfaithful to his OAO.

Finding the bottom of the page fast approaching, the super news snoop dashed off a final paragraph. In his closing words he told them of his own faithful love for a miss at home, then in the next two syllables, invited the entire group to come to Blanding to visit HIM. Now I'm asking—what do YOU think their reaction is going to be.

One of the most apt descriptions of the army was given by a member of Special Troops Medical Detachment the other day. He credits a nurse at the hospital with the following definition: The army is comprised of shooting the bull, passing the buck and making five copies.

The Dixie Press Section is now located in the Medical Dispensary of the Special Troops. We can safely say that the patients are to be pitied, with the two rooms used by a newspaper staff, and the rest used for sleeping quarters.

Remember Corp. Red? He is the unlucky fellow who attacked the commanding General a few weeks ago and was forewith demoted. But he has at last regained his position in the graces of his adopted unit, Co. B, 106th Q. M. Reg. Additional laurels have been added to his string. He is now a Sergeant and is in charge of a squad of eight other dogs who are mascots of the same company.

This is the Easter season. Everywhere there will be special services, and any man who is interested will have no trouble finding a place to worship. Let's make this a big Easter by turning out and filling every hall to capacity.

And along the same line, but with a slightly different attitude toward the subject:

Everywhere lovely ladies
Will stroll the avenues
In the brightness of spring dresses
Of all the rainbow hues.

But in spite of all the fancy hats
There'll be something missing—I'm
afraid

For Johnny Blanding won't be present
ahah—he'll be having his own parade.

Engineers Face Long Tough Trip

Across Florida on a tactical problem to Tampa this Saturday will go a convoy of 93 vehicles from the 106th Engineers, complete with facilities to set up a permanent camp site anywhere en route for an entire regiment.

On the trip, part of the training program of the unit will be taken the entire regimental personnel, enough pontoon boats to bridge a large size stream, a separate water purifier plant, and an electric generator big enough to supply lights and power for a regimental camp.

Arriving at the Gulf Coast city sometime Saturday afternoon, the caravan will detruck, build a bridge across Hillsborough river, prepare a camp site, and then get ready to spend the Easter holiday on the beaches.

Early Monday morning, the group will break camp and continue to Sanford, where a ferry service will be installed for a short time on nearby Lake Monroe in another tactical problem. In this problem, troops and not automobiles will be ferried across the lake. Assault boats and portable footbridges being used.

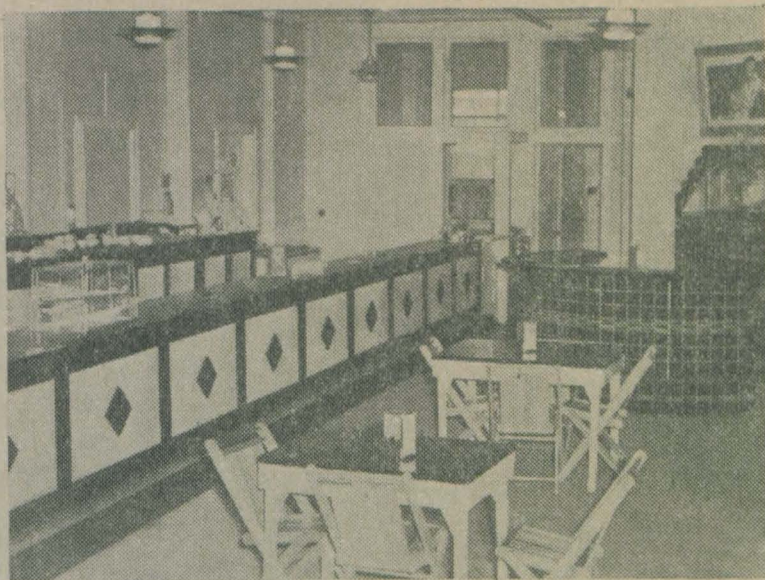
Return to Camp Blanding will be Tuesday morning by way of Daytona Beach.

On the trip the practicability of the new field range will be tested when meals are cooked while the caravan is moving.

167 Co. Clerks Have Good Record

A group of men in the 167th who deserve mention for "nice work boys" are the company clerks of the regiment. These boys were inducted last November most of them without previous military experience and have made a good record for themselves already. Under the training and supervision of personnel adjutant Lt. Patterson, the clerks have reached a degree of efficiency which has been noticed in the Finance Department. The payrolls of this regiment were chosen last month to guide the unit clerks of the 43rd Division in making out their payrolls. For the answer to it, the fellows advise that midnight oil is still good.

Service For Soldiers



A corner of the well equipped Armed Service Center cafe in Jacksonville. This modern setup serves no item over five cents in price. Connected with the restaurant is a recreation hall and dormitory where soldiers may get beds for fifty cents.

Super Selectees Invade 114 F. A.

Selectees assigned to the 114th Field Artillery, one of the last Dixie regiments to receive new men, constitute the usual assortment of unusual professions that in some cases may be continued while serving the country, others, by all means, to be forgotten.

For example, being considered for extra duty in the officers' mess is Pvt. Francis R. Fournier, bar-tender, now assigned to the training Battery commanded by Lt. B. M. Leigh, assisted by Lts. Branyan and Wiseman. In addition to Daiquiris, he also knows his sea-foods.

Likewise with Charles Brooks, former Y. M. C. A. worker. Already he has been called on to instruct the Battery in artificial respiration. And when hygiene instruction comes around it is almost certain he'll have a few words to say. But on the other hand so far no place has been found on the reservation for Alfred H. Gotcher, plantation owner and manager. The same with A. F. Sauls, the captain of a fishing trawler out of Morgan City, La.

The case of Frankel M. Wolff is sort of yes and no. Before induction he manufactured blue

denims at the Seminole Manufacturing Co., in Columbus, Miss., while now, of course, he wears them. It's kind of hard to say.

Double Timing For These Men In Jax Parade

It was probably the pretty girls along the line of march but it might have been that they just liked being reviewed. But, anyhow, members of the 1st Bat., 155th Inf., went by the reviewing stand in Monday's Jacksonville parade not once but twice.

Members of the Battalion are trying to explain it, however, by saying that it was all due to the M. P.'s who directed them back into the parade route.

More Brothers

Not to challenge Co. E, 167th Inf., with its 23 sets of brothers, but merely for the records, Co. D, 106th QM adds its name to the list of "family" companies—or units with a number of pairs of brothers in them. In the QM outfit are 10 sets, the Brothers Broadway, Reese, Roten, Payne, Money, Bozeman, Duffell, Davis, Hooks, and Alford.

Men On March Face Storm Calmly

Friday, April 4, the 167th Infantry with supporting artillery composed of the 2nd Battalion of the 117th Field Artillery regiment marched to Sanford, Fla., carrying out the scheduled tactical problem of the regimental combat team, a two day maneuver. The movement involved more than two thousand infantrymen, approximately 170 vehicles of the 167th and approximately 325 men and 50 vehicles of the 117th Field Artillery.

The route taken in this movement carried the convoy through Palatka and down to Sanford, where bivouac for the night was made. Rations for the two days were drawn at Camp Blanding and cooking units were carried, the meals being served on the march. Twenty enlisted men and two officers of the second Battalion were on duty in the city of Sanford as military police during the night.

Reports were that the combat team was moved with efficiency both in military and civilian traffic. The route back from Sanford carried the troops from Sanford to Daytona Beach and up the coast to St. Augustine, and back to Camp Blanding.

On the night of April 4th, the night pup tents were pitched by the men in this movement, a heavy rain fell and wind swept pup tents to the ground. This however, was accepted with commendable calm on the part of the men, and no confusion whatsoever resulted, tents being put back to their proper places and in order immediately.

False Alarm

Thoughts of cancelled week-end leaves, long hours confined to tents and all other dire results of quarantine raced and chased each other through the minds of several Co. C, 156th Inf., men who woke up one morning last week to discover what they thought were measles spots on their faces. However, it was discovered to be the work of a prankster when, in the latrine a few minutes later the spots washed off.

Someone had liberally applied meurochrome to the men's faces while they were asleep.

Blanding Men Help Army Day In Two Cities

12,000 soldiers, representing combined motorized columns of the 31st and 43rd Divisions, and as many civilians as could be jammed on Jacksonville sidewalks, joined Monday in memorializing Army Day, date of the United States entry in the World War, 24 years ago.

Over 900 vehicles carried the men along the parade thoroughfare, bounded on either side by men, women, and children, straining to see the new army and its weapons; speculating on how the 106th Engineers manipulate their big boats; cheering friends made since the 31st Division's arrival in late December, and the 43rd's recent encampment here.

In the reviewing stands were Major General Jay L. Benedict, commanding officer of the Fourth Corp; General Persons, commanding officer of the 31st Division, and his chief of staff, Col. F. W. Manley; General Payne, commanding officer of the 43rd Division, and representatives from high civil and American Legion positions. It took the column one hour to pass the stands.

Meanwhile, in Orlando, the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, commanded by Brig.-Gen. Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., staged a similar Army Day celebration. Leaving camp at 4 a. m. to arrive early, approximately 3,000 men of the brigade, trailed by their 155's and 75's, marched through the city with caissons "a-rolin."

Co. H, 167 Wins

It seems that somebody's always sticking out somebody's neck. That may not be what the Service Company, 167th Infantry did, but they once said (about two weeks ago) that they had a team of good volley-ballers. No sooner than they had it said, up pops Company H of the same regiment and thinks it can do them one better. They clashed, and in three games the team from company H out-scored the Service company. Which goes to show you that even if you do have a cracking good team somebody else gets to work and gets one just as good or better.

THEY HELP THESE SOLDIERS PREPARE FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE



Three teachers, furnished through the Florida State Board of Education, each week day teach fifty picked men of the Dixie Division the finer points of shorthand, typing and military form and procedure. This is the first of many such schools to be set up in the 31st in order to supply a staff of well trained men for technical jobs as well as to equip the



men for the day when they must return to civilian life. The classes take turns in the two rooms of Classroom E, 114th Field Artillery area, every man getting a full course of each subject. The teachers are, left to right: Mrs. Helen Walden, Miss Della Rosenberg and Miss Katherine Wilson. —Staff Photo.

Busy Chaplain Gets Results

Soldiers crowded the movies, the boxing arenas, the mess halls and last Sunday there were not enough seats for the 155th Infantry congregation of Chaplain James L. Sandlin who preaches every Sunday morning in a recreation hall built to accommodate about 400 persons. The hall was filled to overflowing.

Reports show the chaplain to be a busy man. He delivered 37 lectures during the month of March, and conducted 29 religious services reaching a total of 8,193 persons. Since there are only 2,690 men in the regiment he averaged contacting each man about three times during the month.

Sixteen persons joined churches during the month—11 Baptists, 2 Methodists, 2 Presbyterians, and 1 Pentecostal. Chaplain Sandlin, a Christian minister in civilian life, says his church prescribes immersion as a means of baptism, but since he's in the Army now he "sprinkled" the new Methodists and Presbyterians as required by their church doctrines.

Major Nettles Returns From A G School

Major T. D. Nettles, Jr., Acting Adjutant General of the 31st Division and 1st Lt. Brown Moore, A. G. D., have recently returned from Washington, D. C., where they successfully completed a thirty day course of instruction at the Adjutant General's School. This was the second course conducted at this new school and the first devoted specifically to Adjutant Generals from the field forces.

Major Nettles stated that the creation of this school has filled a long felt need and its value to the service has been so quickly appreciated that it is to be maintained on a permanent basis. The need for trained administrative personnel has never been more vital than in the present crisis and the War Department seems determined to thoroughly equip its forces in this respect.

Company Mascot Flies The Coop

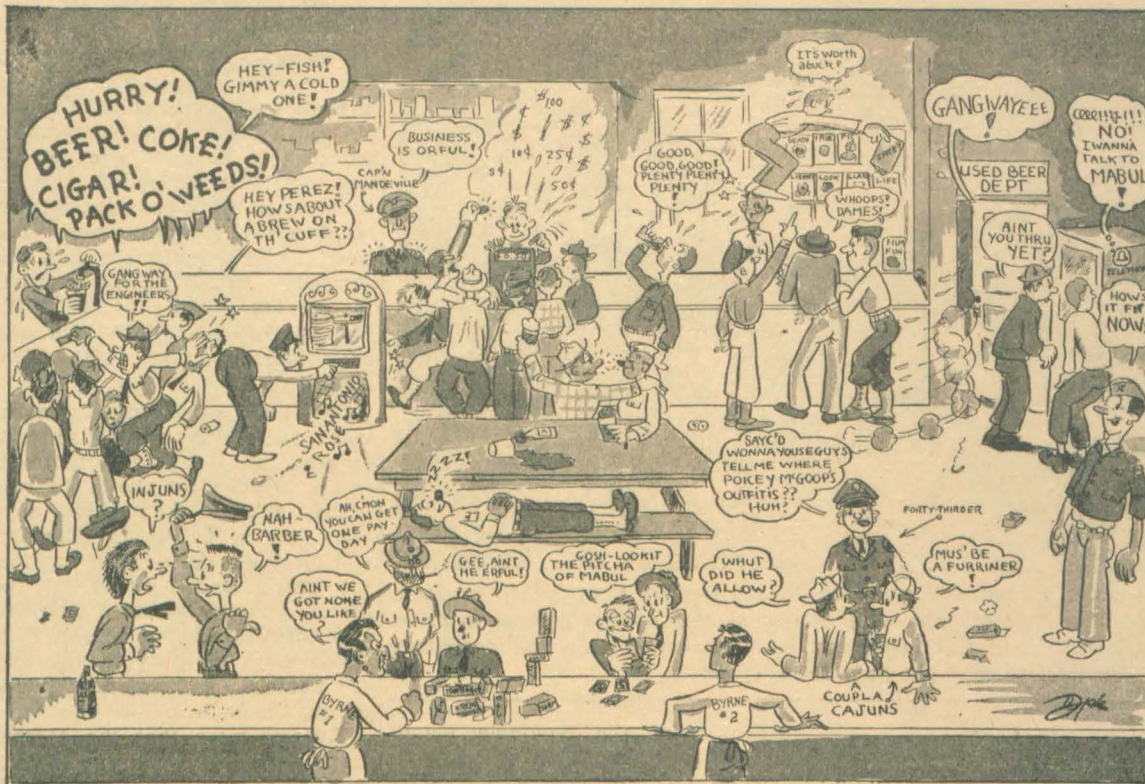
Confined to quarters in his cage for a week, Oscar, pet flying squirrel of Co. K, 156th Inf., resolves that hereafter he'll be back on the company street before Reveille.

Oscar was let out one night last week to spend the night away from quarters. At Reveille the next morning he was missing. However as the company formed to take exercise, Oscar sailed in from a neighboring tree to land . . . at the feet of Capt. Frank C. Blackburn, company commander.

Evidently the sight of so many bars frightened the pet for, with no show of nonchalance, he raced to another tree, clambered up it, and tried to hit his cage again. This time he succeeded and immediately buried himself in the grass on the floor of his quarters.

Capt. Blackburn didn't forget. When Oscar recovered from his fright enough to show his face, the Captain in addition to the confinement . . . sentenced him to crack his own pecans for a month.

A Night In The Special Troops' "Blue Danube"—With Hale



The famous "Blue Danube Lounge," talk of Dixieplayboys, is pictured here as cartoonist Marshall Hale, staff artist puts his impressions into picture form. This quiet little establishment on road X, officially known as Post Exchange No. 6, is the Mecca of all soldiers who seek convivial company. Wouldn't it be a heck of a mess to have to live in the world an artist's mind brings forth.

Swimming Champ In Dixie Swim

A member of the American 1936 olympic swimming team that made the journey to the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany, finds himself in 1941 a Selective Service trainee in Headquarters Company 124th Infantry. He is Taylor Drysdale, 27, single, inducted into the Army from Miami, Fla., where he was vacationing, although he is a native son of Detroit. Drysdale is in the radio section.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he studied mechanical engineering for seven years and in 1932, 1934 and 1935 won for himself and his school the National Intercollegiate backstroke championship. In 1935 he was captain of the University's swimming team.

Following graduation, Drysdale in 1935 represented the United States in Japan in the pre-Olympic swimming matches. Following the Olympics in Berlin in 1936 he toured Poland and Denmark with the team. Only last January he won the 100 and 200 meter backstroke and the 300 meter individual medley in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Drysdale says he feels it his duty of every citizen to do his bit for national defense, "and I am here to try to do my share."

114 Serv. & Amn. Btry. Feasts Hostesses

The three hostesses of the 31st Division . . . Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, Mrs. Betty Ball Brown and Mrs. C. W. Chalker . . . Were special guests of the Service and Ammunition Battery, 1st Bat., 114th F. A., at a banquet in the battery messhall Sunday.

The tables were arranged banquet style in a horseshoe formation and were complete with tablecloths, napkins and all the trimmings. At the guest table sat the three hostesses and First Lt. Eli S. Davis, commander of the battery.

Lacquer Loving Cow Takes To Wing

Irregardless of how much he's coaxed, Corp. Harold F. Rowe, Co. C, 106th QM, refuses to drink his milk in the morning. But . . . he has a good reason!

Corp. Rowe recently bought himself a shiny new Taylorcraft Cub airplane to fly around the camp on Sunday mornings. Having no place near the post to leave it, he rented a pasture in the vicinity of Starke.

Everything went well for a few weeks. But one Sunday morning, Corp. Rowe went out to discover that one wing of the ship was spotted with large holes.

Looking around, Corp. Rowe discovered the reason. Nearby, contentedly munching a piece of airplane wing, was a large cow.

After having the wing repaired, Rowe moved his ship to the municipal airport in Jacksonville.

April Fool Joke Fools Reg. Clerks

Company clerks at regimental Headquarters, 155th Infantry, are just now getting over their scare of April 1st when an official looking document, cancelling all leaves, was passed out. "Due to the fact that the country is facing an emergency," it stated, "and that we are engaged in intensive military training, leaves for officers and furloughs for enlisted men, granted in accordance with letter from this Headquarters, dated March 22, 1941, file 220,811, are to be cancelled." Disturbance was the order until Master Sgt. Tricon explained and a clerk yelled "April Fool!"

Religious Talk For 114 F. A.

Dr. J. A. Morrison, president of Anderson Theological Seminary, Anderson, Ind., addressed officers and men of the 114th Field Artillery Sunday in the Recreation Hall as guest of Chaplain Edmund Wells, a former pupil. Dr. Morrison spoke on "Determination in Religion."

No More Bums Medico Motto

They think twice before they pull that old one about "left my cigarettes in the tent" or "how about one for my brother, too" in the Medical Detachment, 106th Engineers. Posted on the bulletin board is an April 1st decree prohibiting "cigarette bumming from fellow soldiers" with an immediate reprisal if the violator is caught. "Such reprisal," the order continues, "may be extra duty such as K. P., the limit of which to be dependent upon the frequency the man in question is known to have been depending upon his friends for cigarettes."

Inter-Regt. Bouts Held In Starke

A boxing team from the 167th Infantry met a team from the 156th in Starke Monday night at the new arena there, where seven matches were witnessed by a large crowd of civilians and soldiers. Four of the bouts were men from the 167th matched against those from the 156th, and the other three were 167th men matched against their own fighters. Petey Sarron, assistant to the 167th regimental recreation officer was in charge of the 167th men and Lt. Bonner, of 156th was in charge of men from that regiment. Sarron states that he hopes to enter a man from the 167th in the Army-Navy bouts to be held in Jacksonville soon.

167 Basketeers Win In Starke

In a whiz-bang tangle-up on the hardwood the other night a team from Company H, 167th Infantry Regiment smothered a five of company M, 156th, size of the score being 34 to 18, scene of the struggle, Starke National Guard Armory. Boys on both squads were hand-picked men and in good condition all around. Result was a highly interesting game, easy to watch.

Indian Sign On Miss. Inf.

Company C, 155th Infantry, boasts the only full-blood Choctaw Indian in the Division. And boast of him they do. The Indian in question, Private Bob Allan, being on the field, all information concerning his present was volunteered by sergeants, the company clerk, and men on details.

His English, they said, is very good. Occasionally there are lapses when Choctaw is spoken but not often, and most of these are for exhibition purposes. Along that line, he has to have explanations only once then knows what to do, one of his instructors offered.

Although a crack rifle shot, he derives the most pleasure from bayonet drills and gets real personal when charging the dummy. Here all agreed that he must understand the meaning of sham battle perfectly before being allowed to participate. But paradoxically (we thought) they say he is probably the best-natured man in the company, smiles all the time and is even a little "goosey." And evidently he is content for he plans to reenlist at the end of his year training.

Old Geronimo would be pleased.

Talking Home By U. S. Mail

"Dear Mary" . . . the man sitting in the tent before the microphone quietly reads. Back home a few days later, a shiny-eyed girl sits before a record player and listens intently. "Dear Mary," she hears.

Yes sir, it's Camp Blanding's newest way of sending messages home; by recording. Its chief proponent is Sgt. Lee DeLee Crum, Co. A, 156th Inf., who has opened a letter recording business in his tent.

The letter is first written, then read into the microphone. When the disc is finished, the finished product is mailed home.

And if you don't think it pays off, Just ask Sgt. Crum. He has been using the records exclusively to carry messages back to Louisiana and reports his girl has already made two trips to Camp Blanding to see him.

Softball Offer From 114 F. A.

Battery C, 114th Field Artillery, losers of only two softball games since the season opened and those, they claim, through no fault of their own, wish to challenge any team in the Division who uses the regulation 9 men to a game any Wednesday afternoon in the week.

Dixie Boxers

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Air Station at Jacksonville. Since then, through the influence of the Secretary of Navy, commander Tunney was detailed to handle boxing and athletics throughout the whole United States Navy. Commander Tunney states that, since most of the fighters of the nation are in either the Army or the Navy, the event should be made to cover more territory.